

Life Begins at Conception

Some say human life begins at birth. But doctors and scientists tell us that long before then, even before the mother feels her unborn baby's movements within, the miniature infant wakes and sleeps, squirms about, squints, swallows, breathes fluid, hiccups, digests, hears, tries to cry, can feel pain, flexes his or her fingers, punches, kicks and even sucks his or her thumb - or toes.

All of this vigorous activity occurs in the first half of pregnancy!

Most pregnancies aren't even detected until the sixth week. By then, the baby's heart has been beating for 3 weeks, brain waves can be read, the nervous system has been complete for about two weeks and he or she is about to begin moving, although the mother will not feel it for *3½ months more*.

By the 8th week the baby's skelton, head face, arms, legs, fingers (with fingerprints), toes, circulatory and major muscle systems are complete, and all of his or her bodily organs are present in rudimentary states.

By the 12th week the baby already shows a distinct individuality in both appearance and behaviour, with facial expressions resembling those of his or her parents.

By the 16th week the baby's eyelashes have grown.

By 16½ weeks all 20 milk-teeth buds are in place.

By the 20th week hair appears on the baby's head.

By the 22nd week the baby can open his or her eyes.

Scientists agree that a new life begins at conception.

A. W. Liley, M.D. (world renowned Research Professor in Perinatal Physiology) has stated "*biologically*" at no stage of development can we subscribe to the view that the unborn child is a mere appendage of the mother. *Genetically*, the mother and baby are separate individuals from conception."

In its special issue **The Drama of Life Before Birth**, LIFE magazine states, "The birth of a human really occurs at the moment the mother's egg cell is fertilized by one of the father's sperm cells," that is, at conception.

Today, I am eighty three.

Tho unwanted, Mother gave lifeto me.

Poverty did not lessen her lovefor me.

Today, it is legal to kill babies.....like me.

This must not continueto be.

The change is up to.....you and me.

Defend life?

Yes, WE CAN.

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